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OUR FLAG

"Liberty and Union, Now and For-
ever, One and Inseparable."

...Editorial...

LOYALTY IS DEMANDED

It has been quite a common thing during the months since the United States entered the world war to read of the rough handling of some of the alleged "Slackers" in various sections of the country. Several times in our own state of Michigan in recent months, men accused of disloyalty to the country or unpatriotic utterances have been tarred and feathered and subjected to other indignities by citizens of their community. Not until the last week however, have any harsh measures been meted out to any citizen of Van Buren county.

Last Saturday morning one of the prominent farmers and stock buyers of Lawrence was hung in effigy in the public streets of that village because it is alleged he had declined to contribute to the county War Fund as liberally as the committees in charge thought he was able to contribute and on Saturday evening the buildings of a prominent fruit grower of Antwerp township were streaked with yellow because it is alleged he had refused to subscribe any sum whatever for any war purpose. These affairs have been the sole subject of local discussion during the week.

The True Northerner does not approve of wilful destruction of property, or any act which borders on the "Mob Rule" of the south, by means of which so many innocent men have been strung up to a limb or burned at the stake, no matter what the offense may be; But, there can be no denying the fact that the citizens of this country in every town and country hamlet have now reached a point in these dark days of the world war where disloyalty or unpatriotic acts or utterances will no longer be toler-

ated. Our brave boys are fighting and dying on the bloody battle fields across the sea. Thousands are being sent across every day to take their places in the trenches. German submarines have invaded our coast and the streets of New York are now darkened at night for fear of the enemy air planes. These are the darkest days the allied nations have ever known in the entire history of the world. No one doubts for a minute that the enemy will be humbled in the end; and no one now has any misgivings in regard to the mighty task that is before us. So it is then, that there can be no place now under the stars and stripes for any man or woman who is not in full sympathy with the soldier boys at the front, and who is not willing to back them with their money and their all as far as necessity may require. Those at home are no less soldiers than are the boys in the trenches. Soldiers are conscripted now, that the burden may fall equally on all classes. The rich, the poor, the high, the low, are on a level now and fighting shoulder to shoulder for their country. So those at home must each do his share. Every person must support his government in any capacity he may be asked, and to the limit of his resources if need be. The poor washerwoman gives her bit and takes pennies from her child's bank, as did one woman in Paw Paw to make the first payment. There can be no exceptions. All must give when asked by the government, and hold himself in readiness to do his duty, whenever commanded, no matter what that duty may be. There is no middle ground now. One is either for his country and loyal to it, or he is giving aid and comfort to the enemy.

So while the local events of the past week are deplorable in a sense and have caused many tears and heart aches, they have demonstrated most forcibly, that the citizenship of this country has reached a point where nothing but patriotic loyalty for the stars and stripes, and unselfish sacrifice for the country and the boys in Khaki at the front will be tolerated.

One of the most important attributes that contributes to success in life, is promptness. This attribute should not be neglected or forgotten in the training of the youth in the school and in the home, and teachers should see that the forceful examples are constantly set for the guidance of the youth. If an entertainment is scheduled for 8:00 o'clock, it should begin at that hour. It is quite a common thing to set the hour for the opening of an entertainment or function with the thought always in mind that the opening will probably be a half hour later than scheduled. This is all wrong. The hour for the opening of the school day at 9:00 o'clock means 9:00 o'clock and not half past nine. So the hour set for the opening of any event or entertainment should mean, exactly that hour and not a half or three quarters of an hour later. Promptness is one of the key notes of success, and should have a prominent place in the training of the boys and girls.

These are glorious days for the "sweet girl graduate" and the budding young man. Make the most of them boys and girls, for they will be mighty pleasant memories to intersperse among the hard knocks that will come in after years.

The local W. R. C. is to be commended on the recent resolutions unanimously passed protesting against the custom of compelling some disloyal german sympathizer to kiss the Stars and Stripes. Ladies of the Relief corps and kindred organizations throughout the land are taking similar action. It is an insult and a desecration of the American flag to even permit an unspeakable Hun to touch the flag, much less kiss it. It would be a parallel case where one of the detestable german beasts to insult an American woman to compel him to kiss her to condone the offense. No, if Old Glory is to be kept clean and unsullied, the lips of any traitor should never be permitted to touch it. So the patriotic ladies of the land are to be commended for rising up in their wrath to protest and demand that the practice be stopped.

Our boys at the front are acquiring themselves with glory whenever given an opportunity to face the enemy. While the news from the front the past week has been dark and forboding, no one is disheartened. Preparations are speeding up in every line of war activity, and there is just one thought in the minds of every patriotic loyal American citizen, and that is, "We must and Will Win the War in the end." Even if the enemy should reach the English Channel, and even if they should push the allied armies back and march through the streets of Paris, that will not be the end. The enemy will eventually be crushed and justice and right triumph. To that end every activity is now aimed and every mind is focused.

The accident which came near causing the loss of one of little Jerome Warner's eyes last week should be the subject of serious consideration of every parent in the community. It is quite a common thing for boys in playing, to pick up a stone or pebble and throw at a companion. It is not done of course with any malicious intent, and hundreds of stones are thrown without a serious consequence. But the practice should be curtailed, and right now while the accident mentioned is still fresh in the minds of every one, is the time to forcibly impress on the minds of every child the fact that the throwing of stones in play is a mighty dangerous pastime.

The state administration at Lansing is getting some mighty caustic criticism about the state because of the \$800,000 office building the state is preparing to erect. The criticism is righteous and just. This is no time for the erection of any pretentious office building by the nation or any state. It should be deferred until after the war has been fought to a successful conclusion. If Governor Sleeper has his ear to the ground he will heed the rumbling, and be governed accordingly.

The fact that an Aviation field in California has been named "Mather Field" in honor of Carl Mather who lost his life while in training for the service of his country, is ample evidence of the esteem in which he was held by his superiors on the field, and should be a source of much pride and consolation to his father and mother.

Not a single head was bared on the street Memorial day when the flag followed by the faltering footsteps of the boys in blue went down the street. Wake up patriotic men of Paw Paw and show the proper respect to the flag which means so much. Stand at attention and bare your head as the stars and stripes swing by.

Prof. Orrin Kaye has rented the furnished home of Mrs. Mary Edgar on North Gremps street and will move soon. Mr. and Mrs. DeVall have decided to occupy their own home on East Main street which Mr. and Mrs. Kaye have occupied during the winter.

COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER
To the Electors of Van Buren County
Having been urged by numerous friends throughout the county to enter the race for County Drain Commissioner, I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for said office in the Republican Primaries next August.

I have had twelve years experience in Drain construction and am familiar with the Drain laws of the state. If nominated and elected, I will serve the county to the best of my ability. I respectfully solicit your support in the Primaries.

William Timmons
Almena Township.
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ANNOUNCEMENT
To the Republican Electors
of Van Buren County:
I take this method of announcing that I am a candidate for the nomination for the office of County Clerk on the Republican Ticket at the approaching August primary election.

The voters of this county are familiar with my record as Sheriff, which, I think I may say without boasting, has been fairly successful and efficient. Should I be nominated and elected County Clerk, I pledge myself to give the same careful and painstaking attention to the duties of that office that I have given to the obligations devolving on me as Sheriff.

I shall give my most hearty support to the republican ticket, whether I am elected as a candidate or am not.

With these few words I respectfully solicit your support at the polls.

Gladstone R. Beattie.
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ANNOUNCEMENT
I wish to announce to the voters of Van Buren county that I am a candidate for re-nomination as County Road Commissioner subject to the Republican primaries of August 27th, 1918.

Hayes Disbrow.
(Paid Political Advertising) 18t2

GROCERIES

MEATS

WARNER'S

Home Grown Strawberries,
Green Onions New Cabbage
Beet Greens Head Lettuce

3 doz. Heavy Can Rubbers 25c
Dixie Bacon, per pound 35c
Clean Easy Soap, per bar 5c

Fresh Fish, Trout and White Fish
Dressed Chickens

5% Discount on all Cash and Carry Purchases

W. J. Warner

1898—1908—1918

Three Signal Years in American History

1898—War with Spain! Humanity and liberty brought by America to oppressed Cuba and Philippines, the United States taking its firm place as a world power.

1908—Peace and prosperity! America's battleship fleet, "Ready for a fight or a frolic," as Admiral "Bob" Evans remarked, gone on its 45,000-mile, around-the-world cruise, pointing out to all nations the fact that we had become a power to be reckoned with, and a cruise which European experts said could not be completed. But it was!

1918—America in the Great War, throwing its every energy into the combat to make the world a decent place to live in. In 1898, TRUMAN H. NEWBERRY, one of the organizers of the Michigan Naval Reserves, served through the Spanish war as a lieutenant on the "Yosemite," which was manned by Michigan's Reserves.

In 1908, TRUMAN H. NEWBERRY prepared the battleship fleet for its famous cruise and from assistant

secretary became Secretary of the Navy in the Roosevelt cabinet.

In 1918, TRUMAN H. NEWBERRY, again a volunteer, a Commander in the Third Naval District, including New York City and Brooklyn navy yard, the most important naval division in the country.

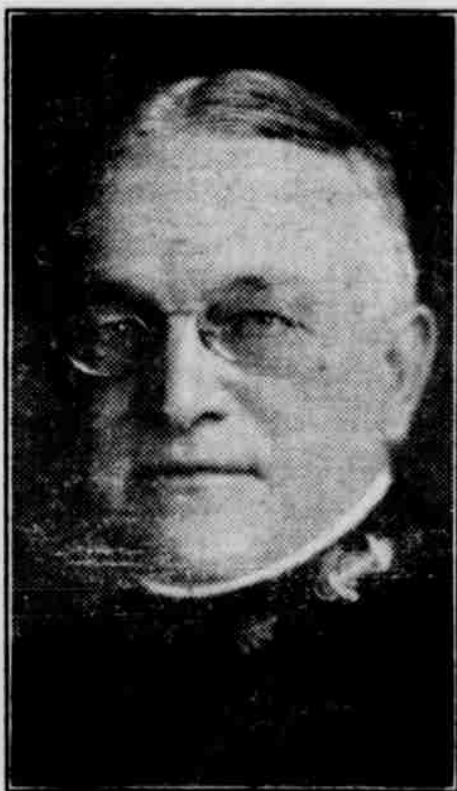
A man of national distinction, of unflinching devotion to his country, of able service in peace and war, of high character, genial, approachable and sympathetic, TRUMAN H. NEWBERRY is a man on whom not only all Republicans but all the people of Michigan can unite. In this crisis, the office demands the ablest and most experienced man available to help conduct the nation's affairs. TRUMAN H. NEWBERRY is such a man. Every Michigan voter can support his nomination and election with confidence in his record, his ability and his 100 per cent Americanism.

NEWBERRY

for

United States Senator

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Truman H. Newberry

The candidates are now probably all in the field for United States Senator to succeed William Alden Smith. The entries are Truman H. Newberry of Detroit, Chase S. Osborn of Sault Ste Marie and Fred M. Warner of Detroit. This is the year of all years when, if there is to be a change in the personnel of the representatives at the National Capitol, the selection must be made with the utmost care and consideration. The biggest man in the state of Michigan is none too big for a seat in the Senate from this state during these trying days of war activity. Judging from past accomplishments, and present activities, The True Northerner is of the opinion right now that of all the candidates now in the race for the job, Truman H. Newberry of Detroit is the man that the country needs and should nominate and elect to succeed Senator Smith.

\$150,000,000

That is the amount which the Postmaster General reports to have been filched from the American people during the last fiscal year by get-rich-quick swindlers.

Beware of those promoters bearing bogus tidings of big profits. Legitimate business doesn't need to ferrit out your few dollars to secure capital. There are millions of dollars in the centers of capital seeking safe investment at low rates.

Consider an investment with which you are familiar. Place your money in a Savings Account at this bank. Four per cent is no small return when the principal is absolutely safe as it will be here.

Paw Paw Savings Bank